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FOREST WILDERNESS AREAS ENTER STAGE II RESTRICTIONS

(SANTA FE, NM)—The Chama River Canyon, Dome, and San Pedro Parks Wilderness areas will join the rest of the Forest in Stage II Fire Restrictions beginning Friday, June 16th at 8 a.m.

Stage II Fire Restrictions **apply** to all National Forest lands around Cuba, Coyote, Jemez, Los Alamos, Abiquiu, Española, Santa Fe, Pecos, Las Vegas, and Mora.

Fire restrictions **will not apply** to Caja Del Rio Plateau of the Española Ranger District or the Pecos Wilderness.

The Santa Fe National Forest appreciates everyone's efforts in being mindful of current restrictions. "The longer the public helps us in preventing wildfires on the Forest, the longer they can enjoy the great outdoors," said Deputy Forest Supervisor, Clifford Dils. "It is important not to become complacent and continue to respect and obey current fire restrictions during times of extreme fire danger," added Dils.

Revised Stage II Fire Restrictions Prohibitions:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove. Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, propane grills, and heating devices that are in proper working order are only allowed within developed recreation sites. Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, and heating devices that are in proper working order are allowed within Wilderness areas.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Using an explosive.
4. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.
5. Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.
7. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
8. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway; and except for parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads.

For current fire information on the Santa Fe National Forest, please call 1-877-971-3473. For fire restriction information please call 1-877-864-6985 or visit www.nmfireinfo.com.

